

February 19, 2008

Ms. Laura Freeman
COHPA Steering Committee Chair
Royal Victoria Hospital
201 Georgian Drive
Barrie, ON L4M 6M2

Dear Ms. Freeman:

We are pleased to advise that, having reviewed the documentation associated with the proposed voluntary integration, the North Simcoe Muskoka Board of Directors passed the following motion at their February 11th meeting:

“That the NSM LHIN Board of Directors supports the voluntary integration of the Royal Victoria Hospital and allows the Central Ontario Healthcare Procurement Alliance (COPHA) initiative to proceed.”

We understand the intent is to establish a shared services organization for the purpose of procurement, invoice payment and contract management of medical / surgical supplies and contracted services.

We will be interested in the results of your analysis of the integration benefits within the next 6-8 months, and look forward to having more discussion with you.

Please do not hesitate to contact us with further information on this initiative.

Sincerely,



Jean Trimnell
Chief Executive Officer

- c. Hy Eliasoph, CEO – Central LHIN
- Deborah Hammons, CEO – Central East LHIN
- Ruben Rosen, Chair